

FISCAL NOTE

SB 782

February 19, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires a disparity study to be completed on the Department of Transportation, which must objectively evaluate the extent, if any, to which departmental practices and policies discriminate against racial minorities.
- Requires the study to be performed by a qualified, independent contractor.
- Requires the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and the Comptroller of the Treasury to select an independent contractor who is nationally recognized for conducting disparity studies of the highest quality and precision.
- Requires the cost of the study to be paid from existing resources within the State Highway Fund.
- Requires all state officials and employees to cooperate fully with the independent contractor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$500,000 One-Time/Highway Fund

Estimate assumes a similar cost for a disparity study of the Department of Transportation.

Based on information provided by the Department of Finance and Administration and the Comptroller's Office, similar studies were conducted for three municipalities in Tennessee at an average cost of approximately \$500,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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